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The Honorable Samuel Brown
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Dear Sam,

Following up on our recent telephone conversation, let me again assure you that there has not been and will not be any connection between the Central Intelligence Agency and any current members or trainees of the Peace Corps. The Central Intelligence Agency has a specific regulation which prohibits this. The regulation also places certain restrictions on Agency contacts with former members or trainees of the Peace Corps. Let me quote the pertinent portion of this regulation for you:

(1) POLICY

(a) Members and trainees of the Peace Corps will not be employed or used in any capacity, with or without remuneration, by the Agency or by Agency-controlled organizations. (The term "members of the Peace Corps" will be understood to mean anyone employed by or associated with the Peace Corps, except trainees.)

(b) Former members of the Peace Corps may be employed or used by the Agency or by Agency-controlled organizations only in accordance with the following:

(1) Except as stated in (2) below, a former member of the Peace Corps may be employed or used by any element of the Agency only if a period of five full years has elapsed since his separation from the Peace Corps.

(2) An Agency-controlled organization may hire a former member of the Peace Corps, but only for duties related to the overt purposes of such organization, if a period of at least twenty-four months has elapsed since his separation from the Peace Corps.

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(3) The employment or use of a former member of the Peace Corps under the provisions of subparagraph (1) or (2) above must have the specific prior approval of the Deputy Director concerned.

(c) Former trainees whose Peace Corps service included duty or training overseas are subject to the rules governing employment or use of former members of the Peace Corps (subparagraph b(1)(b) above). Former trainees who did not serve at any time as members of the Peace Corps and whose Peace Corps service did not include duty or training overseas may be employed or used by the Agency or by organizations under its jurisdiction only with the specific prior approval of the Deputy Director concerned.

(d) A former member or trainee of the Peace Corps whose employment or use is permitted by subparagraph (b) or (c) above may not be assigned to or used in a country for which he had been trained or to which he had been assigned while with the Peace Corps.

Please reassure your country directors and other staff that I am insistent that this regulation be carried out in both its letter and its spirit. I have no reason to believe there has been any violation of it. I assure you that all of us in the Central Intelligence Agency are dedicated to complying with it.

If opposition elements abroad perpetrate stories that there is a connection between the Central Intelligence Agency and members or trainees of the Peace Corps, I would most appreciate your alerting me to them. I will in every instance be able to provide you the facts of the case.

It was nice to have a visit on the phone. Good luck to you and all of your people who are doing such a fine job for our country.

Yours

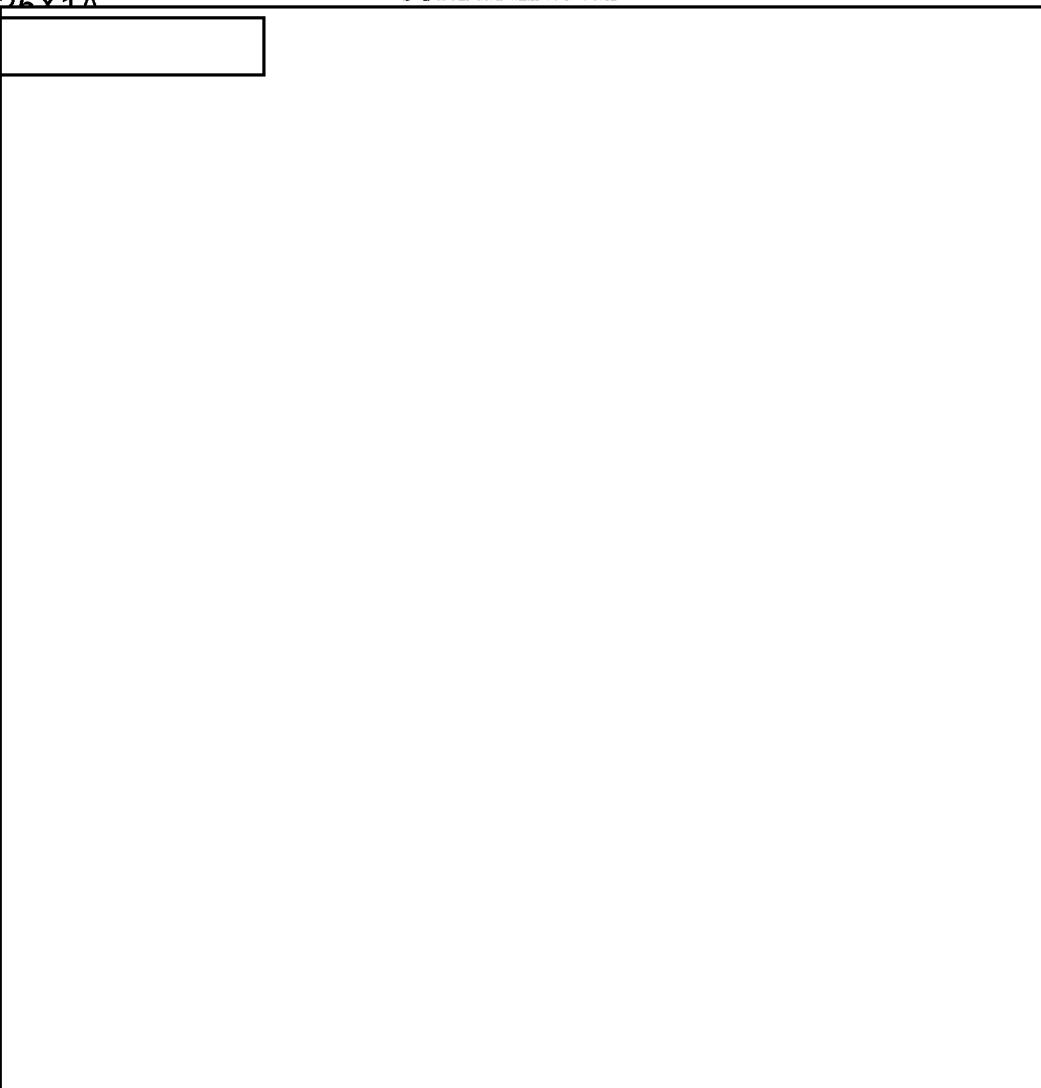


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b. EMPLOYMENT OF MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE PEACE CORPS

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(2) An Agency-controlled organization may hire a former member of the Peace Corps, but only for duties related to the overt purposes of such organization, if a period of at least twenty-four months has elapsed since his separation from the Peace Corps.

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(2) RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) Deputy Directors and Heads of Independent Offices are responsible for ensuring compliance with the policies stated in subparagraph b(1) above. They will refer to the Director of Central Intelligence for policy guidance any question concerning employment, use, or contact with an individual who is or was formerly a member or trainee of the Peace Corps which is not clearly covered by those policies.

(b) The Director of Personnel will personally review any proposal for the employment of a former member or trainee of the Peace Corps in a staff, contract employee, or consultant capacity, or for the assignment of such an individual, and will ensure that it is consistent with the policies set forth above.

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